collation, storage and retrieval of data covering all the facets of forests and forestry activities.

(c) Benefit sharing arrangements are being made through joint forestry management principles to associate local communities with conservation of forests. The Central Government has provided financial assistance of Rs. 12.32 lakhs for this work in 1992-93.

A sum of Rs. 18.70 lakhs has been provided to Government of Andhra Pradesh for protection of forests from biotic interference and fires in 1992-93.

A sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been sanctioned to Government of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme "Modern Forest Fire Control Methods" in 1993-94.

Maintanance of Hyderabad Zoo

2776. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to improve the Hyderabad Zoo;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to lack of funds there is a decline in its maintenance;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed any scheme for financial help from the Central Government for improvement of this zoo; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Proposals for improving the existing infrastructure and construction of some new facilities have been received from Hyderabad Zoo (i.e. Nehru Zoological Park) by the Central Zoo Authority.

(b) No such report regarding decline in the maintenance of the Zoo due to lack of funds has been received from the State Government.

(c) and (d) The details of proposals received during 1993-94 from Andhra Pradesh Government for financial help to the Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Items of Work	Financial Assistance	
		Asked for	Released
1	Acquisition of animals	2.00	..
2	Special improvement to old enclosures	4.00	..
3	Setting up of Natural History Musium	2.00	..
4	Setting up of Auditorium & ackuiring equipment for conducting educational programmes	4.00	..
5	R search & equipment for capture of animals, transport, books, periodicals etc.	2.00	1.00
6	Improving water resources in the Zoological Park	3.00	2.00
7	Procurement of Battery driver vehicles (2 Nos.)	4.00	2.00
8	Construction of breeding enclosures for smooth Indian Others	3.00	1.50
	TOTAL	24.00	6.50